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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS REPORTS FAVORABLY ON CARAMANLIS-DEMIREL
MEETING

1. SUMMARY. GREEK PRESS WITH BANNER HEADLINES AND FEATURE
COVERAGE STRESSED FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF MAY 31 MEETING BETWEEN
PRIME MINISTERS CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL IN TERMS OF REDUCTION
IN TENSIONS AND BEGINNING OF DIALOGUE. SOME NEWSPAPERS PLAYED
UP SPECIAL INTEREST IN GREECE AT NATO SUMMIT MEETING AND
ATTRIBUTED BRUSSELS SUCCESS, FROM GREEK VIEWPOINT, TO
INITIATIVE AND PERFORMANCE OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS.
EDITORIALS POINTED OUT JUSTNESS OF GREEK ATTITUDE TOWARD
TURKEY AND COMMENDED GREEK GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD NATO.
END SUMMARY.

2. HEADLINES OF WEEKEND PRESS REFLECT PUBLIC SATISFACTION
WITH RESULTS OF BRUSSELS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PM'S CARAMANLIS
AND DEMIREL: "WITH AGREEMENT REACHED, PEACE IS CONSOLIDATED -
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CARAMANLIS: I AM OPTIMISTIC FOR THE FUTURE" (KATHIMERINI),

"AGREEMENT FOR NEGOTIATIONS - THE SHADOW OF WAR IN AEGEAN DIMINISHES" (TO VIMA), "AGREEMENT IN BRUSSELS - AEGEAN AT THE HAGUE AND CYPRUS IN VIENNA" (AKROPOLIS), "AFTER THREE HOURS OF TALKS BETWEEN CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL - NEGOTIATIONS RESULTED" (AVGHI).

3. ATHENS PRESS REPORTS CONTINUED TO BE UPBEAT AND ASSESSED CARAMANLIS-DEMIREL MEETING, AND GREEK PARTICIPATION IN NATO SUMMIT, AS SUCCESS - GIVING MOST OF THE CREDIT TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. MAIN EMPHASIS IN MOST NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS WAS THAT THREAT OF A POSSIBLE WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY HAS BEEN REDUCED. HOWEVER THERE IS A WORD OF CAUTION OVER HOW THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH ENDORSED NEGOTIATIONS AS THE MEANS OF RESOLVING GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES WILL BE RECEIVED IN ANKARA BY THE OTHER TURKISH POLITICAL LEADERS AND THE TURKISH MILITARY.

4. ACCORDING TO ONE NEWSPAPER'S ACCOUNT (TO VIMA) FOREIGN MINISTER KISSIAKIS HIGHLIGHTED THREE ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY SATISFYING TO THE GREEK SIDE: (1) PROBLEMS WILL BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT THRU RESORT TO FORCE, (2) BOTH GOVTS AGREED TO SUPPORT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA AND (3) RESOLUTION OF THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE SHOULD BE THROUGH THE ICJ (WHICH THE TUKS APPEARED TO BE BACKING AWAY FROM AT THE MEETING IN ROME). RELATED TO THE LATTER IN THE COMMUNIQUE IS THE CALL FOR AN EARLY MEETING OF EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF THE AIR SPACE OVER THE AEGEAN SEA.

5. PRESS REPORTS INDICATED ACCURATELY THAT MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATION OF THE MEETING OF THE TWO PM'S, ASSUMING DEMIREL DOES NOT RUN INTO ANY TROUBLE AT HOME OVER THE COMMUNIQUE, IS THE ATMOSPHERE IT HAS CREATED FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE ON A CONSTRUCTIVE BASIS AT VARIOUS LEVELS -- BY EXPERTS, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGAIN AT A LATER STAGE, AND EVENTUALLY ANOTHER SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL. AS A CORRESPONDENT OF TO VIMA WROTE FROM BRUSSELS, A FACTOR IN THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING IN THIS RESPECT WAS CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL AMERICAN POSITION AGAINST THREATS OF WAR IN THE AEGEAN.

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6. EDITORIALS WHICH APPEARED BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH PREMIERS BACKED THE GOG POSITION OF PERSISTING TO EXPLAIN THE CORRECTNESS OF THE GREEK VIEW-POINT WITH REGARD TO DIFFERENCES WITH TURKEY AND ITS POSITION ON NATO. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS COMMENTED THAT THEY HAD DETECTED A MORE SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARD GREECE IN NATO CIRCLES.

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